**Order** 

**Michigan Supreme Court** Lansing, Michigan

December 23, 2014

149250

Robert P. Young, Jr., Chief Justice

Michael F. Cavanagh Stephen J. Markman Mary Beth Kelly Brian K. Zahra Bridget M. McCormack David F. Viviano, **Justices** 

PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF MICHIGAN, Plaintiff-Appellee,

SC: 149250

Kent CC: 11-008469-FC

V COA: 320151

KENTREZE DEMETRIOUS WHITE. Defendant-Appellant.

On order of the Court, the application for leave to appeal the March 26, 2014 order of the Court of Appeals is considered and, pursuant to MCR 7.302(H)(1), in lieu of granting leave to appeal, we REMAND this case to the Kent Circuit Court for the appointment of substitute appellate counsel, in light of *Halbert v Michigan*, 545 US 605; 125 S Ct 2582; 162 L Ed 2d 552 (2005). Based on our review of the record, the circuit court granted original appointed appellate counsel's motion to withdraw, but denied the defendant's request for the appointment of substitute appellate counsel. On remand, substitute appellate counsel, once appointed, may file an application for leave to appeal in the Court of Appeals for consideration under the standard for direct appeals, and/or any appropriate postconviction motions in the circuit court, within six months of the date of the circuit court's order appointing counsel. Counsel may include among the issues raised, but is not required to include, the issues raised by the defendant in his motion for relief from judgment that was filed in 2013.

We do not retain jurisdiction.



I, Larry S. Royster, Clerk of the Michigan Supreme Court, certify that the foregoing is a true and complete copy of the order entered at the direction of the Court.

December 23, 2014

